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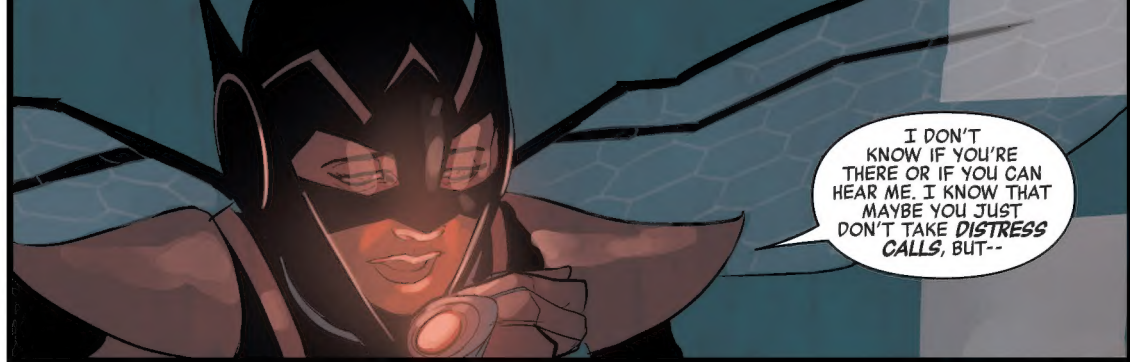
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*EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES*

# THE AVENGERS®







I DON'T  
KNOW IF YOU'RE  
THERE OR IF YOU CAN  
HEAR ME. I KNOW THAT  
MAYBE YOU JUST  
DON'T TAKE **DISTRESS**  
CALLS, BUT--



--WE'RE IN  
**REALLY** BAD SHAPE  
HERE. I THINK ALL OF  
THE AVENGERS ARE  
DOWN. I THINK I'M  
THE ONLY ONE  
LEFT, AND--



I MEAN,  
WE THOUGHT SHE  
WAS **ONE OF US**. WE  
WELCOMED HER  
IN. AND...

...WELL, SHE'S  
**DESTROYED** THE  
BAXTER BUILDING. I  
DON'T KNOW HOW  
MANY OF THE PEOPLE  
GOT EVACUATED.



IF YOU  
GET THIS, JUST  
KNOW THAT SHE'S  
MORE POWERFUL THAN  
YOU COULD IMAGINE,  
AND SHE'S--

I **KNOW**  
YOU'RE IN HERE,  
LITTLE WASP. I CAN  
**SENSE** IT. THIS REALLY IS  
A FASCINATING POWER,  
BEING ABLE TO SENSE  
DANGER.

COME  
OUT, COME  
OUT--



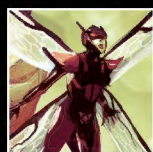
AAAAHHHHH!

--WHEREVER  
YOU ARE!

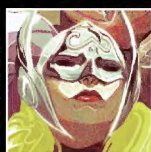
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And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's Mightiest Heroes found themselves united against a common threat. On that day, the Avengers were born--to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

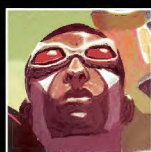
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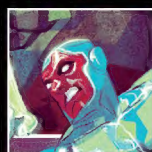
**WASP**  
Nadia Pym



**THOR**  
Jane Foster



**CAPTAIN AMERICA**  
Sam Wilson



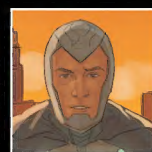
**VISION**



**SPIDER-MAN**  
Peter Parker



**HERCULES**



**IRON MAN**  
Victor Von Doom

After the near fatal incapacitation of Tony Stark during the second super hero civil war, Victor Von Doom abandoned his villainous ways and took up the mantle of Iron Man. But his past actions as Doctor Doom made the Avengers reluctant to recognize him as a hero, despite the fact that he helped them defend Parker Industries from attack.

Can Victor ever truly redeem himself? And what memento from Avengers history was the creature that attacked Parker Industries trying to find?

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The Avengers created by **Stan Lee & Jack Kirby**



# TWO HOURS EARLIER. AVENGERS HQ, THE BAXTER BUILDING.



EASY NOW,  
WE'VE GOT YOU.  
DON'T TRY AND  
GO TOO FAST.

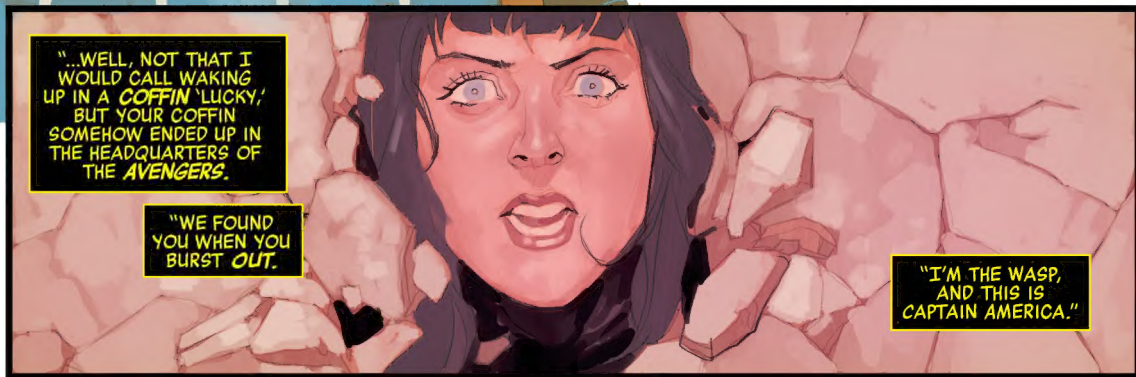


WHAT DAMSEL  
IN DISTRESS IS  
*THIS*? HOW MIGHT  
HERCULES  
ASSIST?

WE'RE  
GOING TO  
SET YOU DOWN  
IN THIS CHAIR  
HERE, OKAY?

YES, I'M  
SORRY, I'M VERY  
CONFUSED. WHERE...  
WHERE *AM I*?

YOU'RE  
IN LUCK...



"...WELL, NOT THAT I  
WOULD CALL WAKING  
UP IN A *COFFIN* 'LUCKY,'  
BUT YOUR COFFIN  
SOMEHOW ENDED UP IN  
THE HEADQUARTERS OF  
THE *AVENGERS*."

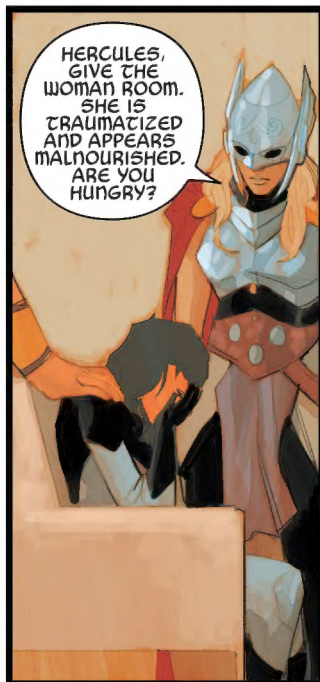
"WE FOUND  
YOU WHEN YOU  
BURST *OUT*."

"I'M THE WASP,  
AND THIS IS  
CAPTAIN AMERICA."



CAPTAIN...  
*AMERICA*? THE  
CAPTAIN AMERICA  
I KNOW LOOKS  
QUITE A BIT  
DIFFERENT. WHERE  
ARE *HAWKEYE* AND  
*QUICKSILVER*? THE  
*SCARLET*  
*WITCH*?

HOW LONG  
HAVE I BEEN  
ENTOMBED?



HERCULES,  
GIVE THE  
WOMAN ROOM.  
SHE IS  
TRAUMATIZED  
AND APPEARS  
MALNOURISHED.  
ARE YOU  
HUNGRY?



HUNGRY?

YES,  
VERY--

*STEP  
AWAY FROM  
HER!*





VISION?

CASSANDRA.  
AVENGER X.

THAT WOMAN  
WAS ONE OF THE  
AVENGERS' EARLIEST  
AND DEADLIEST  
ENEMIES.

SHE ENDEARED  
HERSELF TO THE  
TEAM BY APPEARING  
TO AMPLIFY THEIR  
POWERS.

HOWEVER,  
THEY DISCOVERED  
THAT HER POWER WAS  
NOT AMPLIFICATION,  
BUT TRANSFERENCE  
OF LIFE FORCE.

DRAWING  
STRENGTH AND  
ABILITY FROM ONE  
PERSON TO ANOTHER--  
KILLING THEM IN  
THE PROCESS.



"DURING THEIR FINAL BATTLE, SHE VANISHED\*--  
UNSEEN UNTIL TODAY. IT WAS SAID THAT THE  
WIZARD ENTOMBED HER, BUT HER GRAVE WAS  
NEVER FOUND--UNTIL, APPARENTLY, NOW."

\*IN AVENGERS #5.1  
--TOM



VISION, BUDDY,  
YOU FEELING  
OKAY THERE?

SPI-SPIDER-MAN,  
IT APPEARS MY ENERGY  
REGULATORS ARE  
MALFUNCTIONING--I--ENGAGE  
EMERGENCY COOLING  
PROCEDURES--

THEY  
WON'T  
WORK.



I'VE BEEN  
DREAMING OF MY  
VENGEANCE IN THE  
DARK FOR YEARS.  
OF HOW I WOULD  
MAKE THE  
AVENGERS BEG  
FOR MERCY.



AVENGERS,  
YOU WILL  
WANT TO SHIELD  
YOURSELVES.

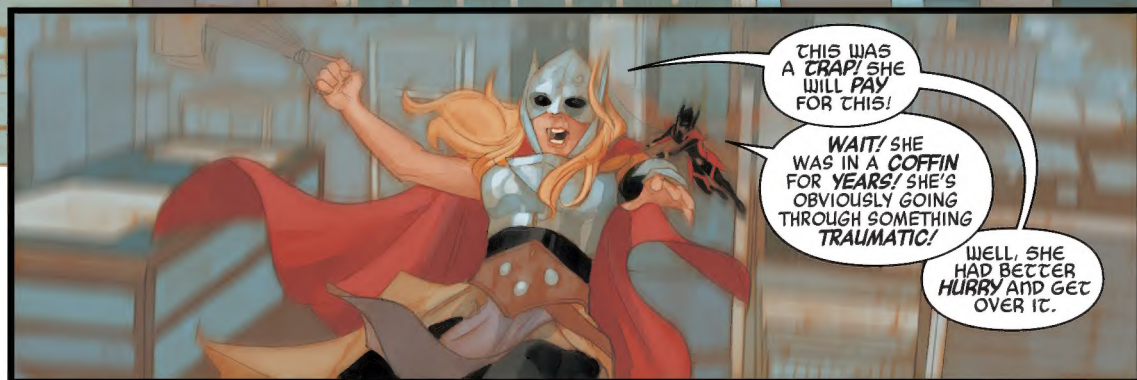
MY ENERGY  
RESERVES ARE  
OVERLOADING. MY  
INTERNAL  
TEMPERATURE IS  
SOARING.

LET ME  
HELP YOU  
WITH THAT.





# SHOCK!



THIS WAS A **TRAP!** SHE WILL PAY FOR THIS!

WAIT! SHE WAS IN A **COFFIN** FOR YEARS! SHE'S OBVIOUSLY GOING THROUGH SOMETHING **TRAUMATIC!**

WELL, SHE HAD BETTER **HURRY** AND GET OVER IT.



HERCULES STILL LIVES, BUT HE IS GREATLY WEAKENED.

LOOKS LIKE VISION CRASHED. HE'S GOING TO NEED TO RECHARGE AND REBOOT.

I KNEW IT. I KNEW "AVENGER X" WAS BAD NEWS.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU KNEW?

AS SOON AS SHE WALKED IN, MY SPIDER-SENSE WENT NUTS! I COULD BARELY HEAR MYSELF THINK!



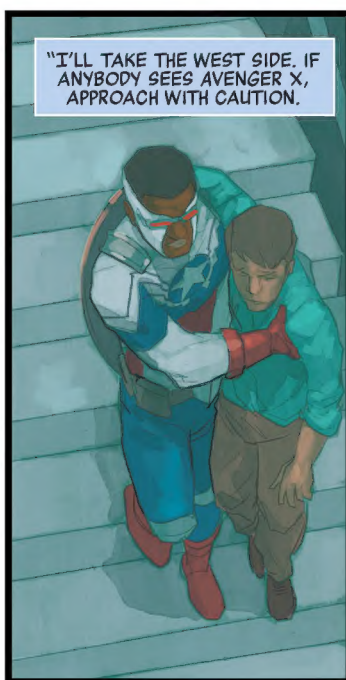
OH, **THINK?** IS THAT SOMETHING YOU DO NOW? DID YOU **THINK** ABOUT TELLING ANY OF THE REST OF US ABOUT THIS?

LISTEN, I'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS. ANY TIME SOMEBODY THAT SEEMS WEAK OR TRAUMATIZED SETS OFF MY SENSES, AVENGERS FREAK OUT ON ME LIKE I'M THE BAD GUY. I FIGURED--



WELL, CONGRATULATIONS! YOU WERE RIGHT AND NOW VISION IS HURT, THE BUILDING IS TOAST AND THAT POOR WOMAN IS **GONE!**

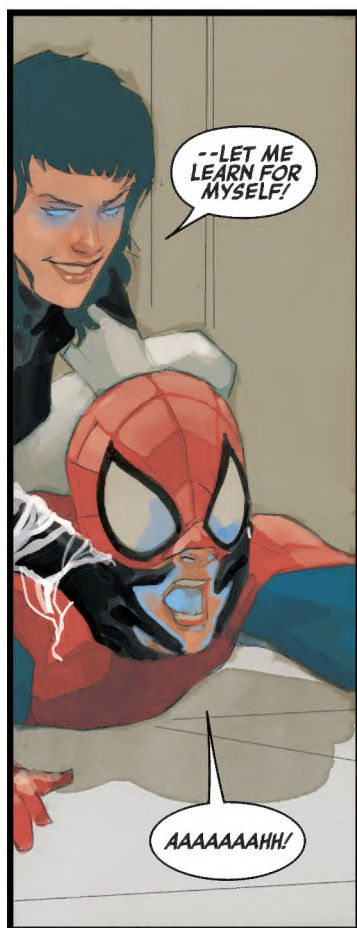
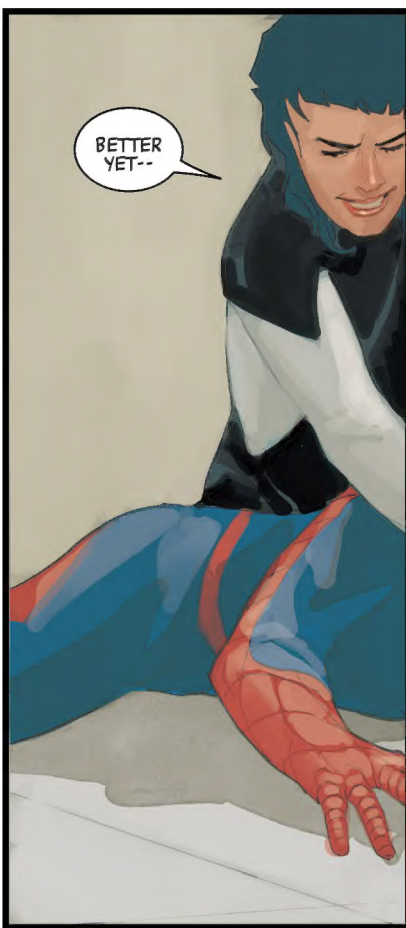




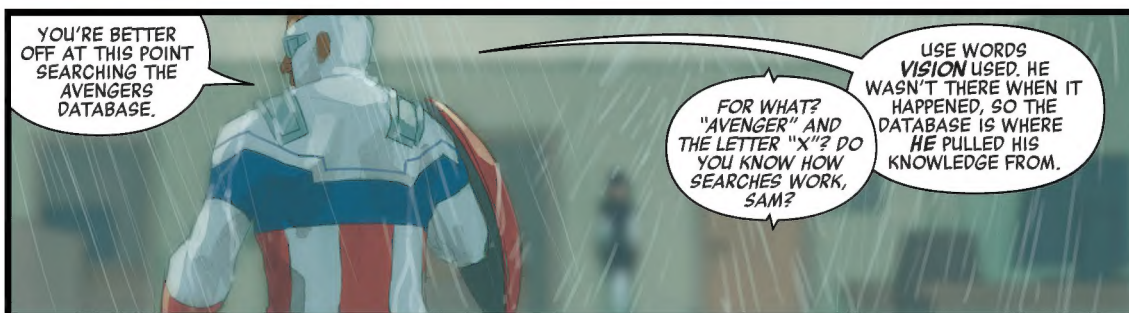
















THERE'S NOWHERE TO RUN, LADY!

SPTANG

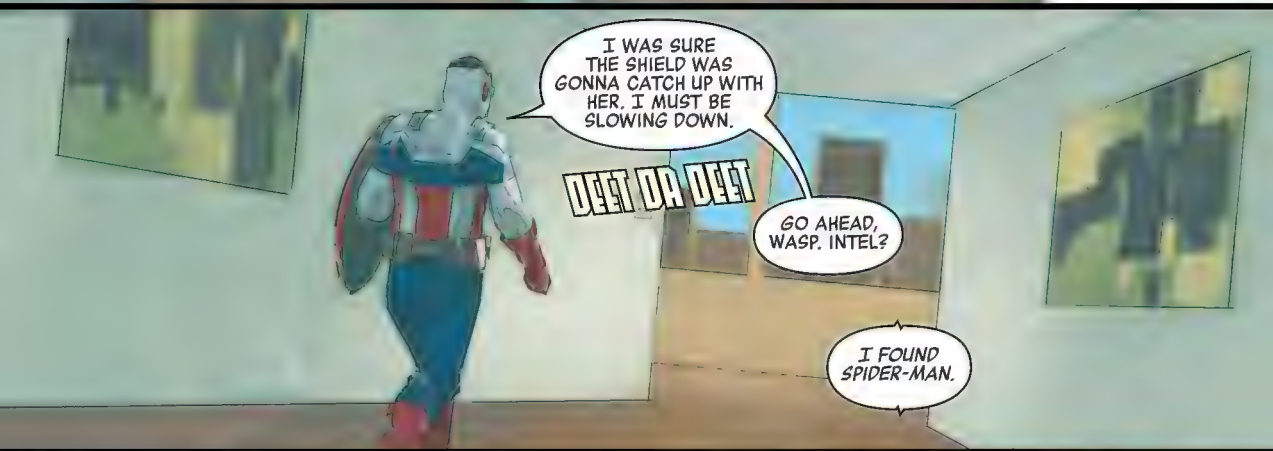
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OKAY, WELL, I GUESS, THERE IS.

LISTEN TO ME! I DON'T KNOW A LOT ABOUT YOU, BUT I'M WILLING TO HELP-- IF YOU'LL CALM THE HELL DOWN!



I WAS SURE THE SHIELD WAS GONNA CATCH UP WITH HER. I MUST BE SLOWING DOWN.

DEET DA DEET

GO AHEAD, WASP. INTEL?

I FOUND SPIDER-MAN.



SHE GOT HIM. HE'S STILL BREATHING, BUT HE LOOKS WITHERED... LIKE HERCULES. HE'S BEEN PUNCHED THROUGH A WALL.



THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. "AVENGER X" WAS WEAK. SHE WAS FRAIL.

UNLESS...

VISION SAID SOMETHING ABOUT USING THE AVENGERS' POWERS AGAINST THEM. WHAT IF WHEN SHE DRAINS PEOPLE--





--SHE GETS  
THEIR POWERS,  
TOO?



**THUD**  
**KSSSH!**

CAP?  
CAP, ARE  
YOU THERE?  
SAM?



SAM'S NOT  
AVAILABLE TO  
TALK, BABY WASP.  
IT'S JUST US  
GIRLS NOW.



AVENGER X,  
**PLEASE!**  
WHATEVER'S  
WRONG WITH  
YOU, LET  
US--

HELP?  
YOU'RE GOING  
TO HELP ME GET  
MY LIFE BACK?

YOU SEEM  
LIKE A SWEET  
GIRL. MY GRUDGE  
ISN'T WITH YOU.  
JUST RUN AWAY.  
AS FOR ME...

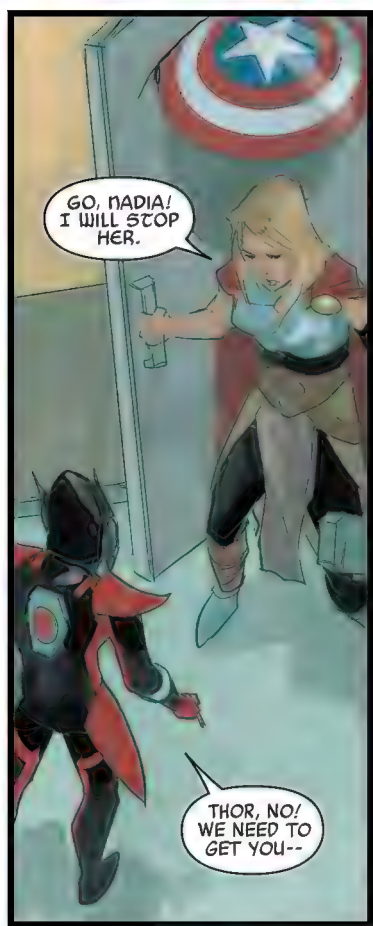
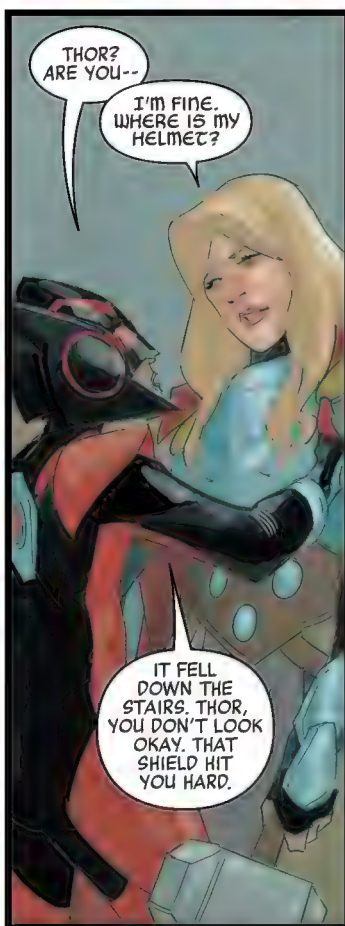
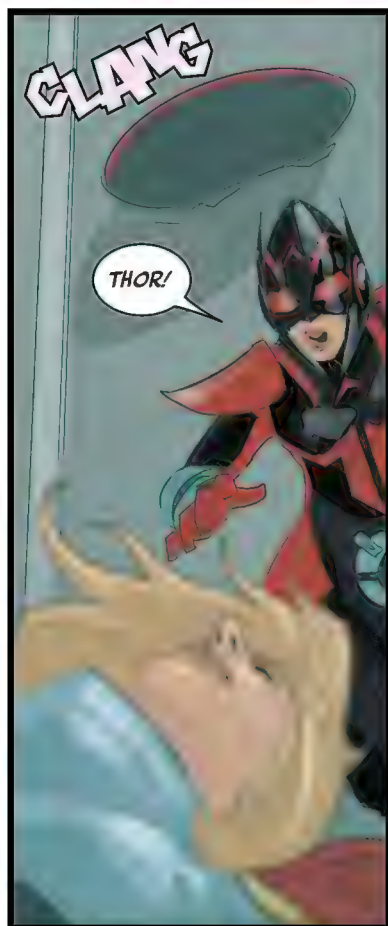
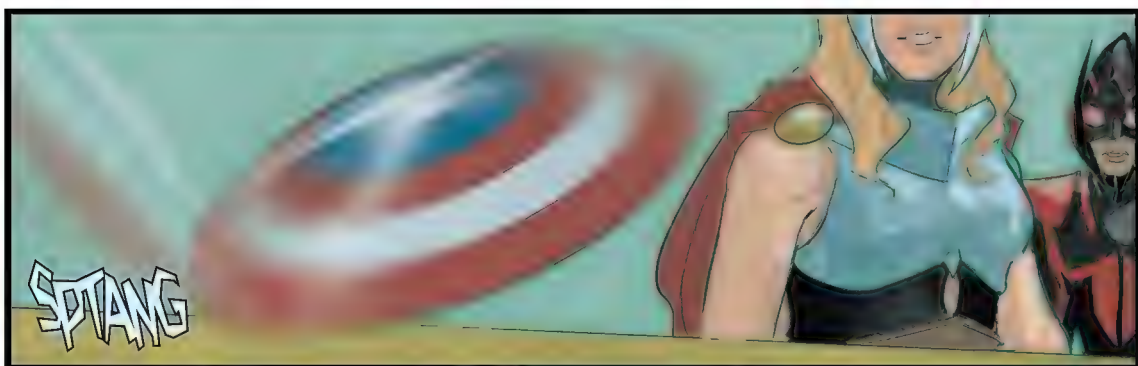


...I JUST  
HAVE TO KNOW  
WHAT **THIS**  
FEELS LIKE.











I SAID  
GO!

AAAH!

I'VE BEEN  
LOOKING FORWARD  
TO THIS.  
HAVE AT  
THEE!

THUNDER

BY  
FRIGGA'S  
SWORD--!

I'VE ALWAYS  
WANTED TO  
CONTROL THE  
WEATHER. COME  
TO ME, LITTLE  
GODDESS.

AS YOU  
WISH.

CRASH!





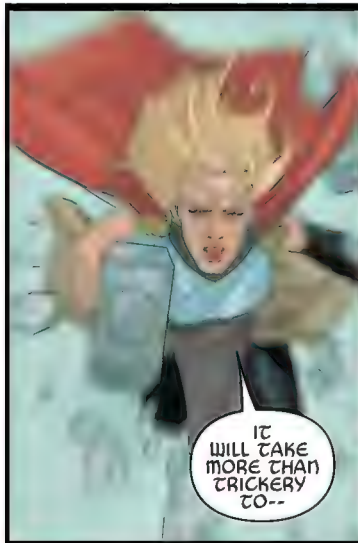
YIELD!  
YOU HAVE  
NO MOVE!

NO, CAPTAIN  
AMERICA WOULD  
HAVE NO MOVE!  
BUT ME?



OOF!

I CAN  
DO WHATEVER  
A SPIDER CAN.



IT  
WILL TAKE  
MORE THAN  
TRICKERY  
TO--



YOU WERE  
SAYING?



OH, THIS  
FEELS AMAZING.  
IT FEELS LIKE I  
HAVE LIGHTNING  
IN MY VEINS.

LET ME  
GO!

OF  
COURSE.  
BUT I THINK  
YOU'LL FIND--



--YOU'RE TOO  
WEAK NOW TO  
HOLD UP YOUR  
HAMMER.





NOW.

I GAVE YOU  
A CHANCE TO RUN,  
BUT NOW I DON'T CARE  
THAT YOU'RE NOT THE  
WASP I KNOW. YOU'RE  
STILL AN AVENGER.

YOU'RE  
STILL A DEVIL  
FROM HELL.



NO.

I SPEAK FROM  
EXPERIENCE,  
HAVING VISITED.

DEVILS ARE  
FAR LESS KIND  
THAN WASP.

AND  
WHO ARE  
YOU?



I AM  
VICTOR VON  
DOOM.

I AM  
IRON MAN.

I RECEIVED  
A CALL FOR AID  
FROM THE YOUNG  
LADY BEHIND YOU.  
NADIA, HOW  
MIGHT I BE OF  
ASSISTANCE?

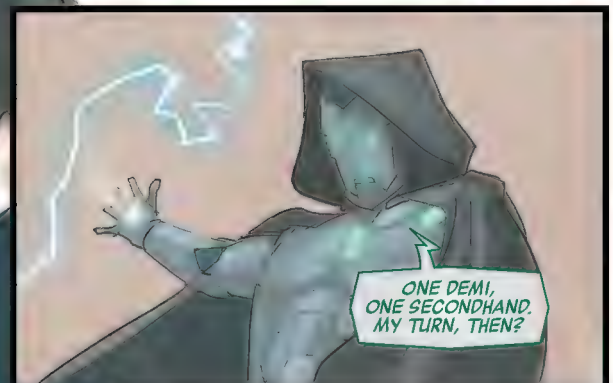


THIS WOMAN  
IS TRYING TO KILL  
US! SHE'S STOLEN ALL  
OF THE AVENGERS'  
POWERS! DON'T LET  
HER TOUCH YOU!



SIMPLE ENOUGH.  
I'LL TAKE CARE  
OF IT.

"SIMPLE"?  
"TAKE CARE OF  
IT"? I HAVE THE  
POWERS OF  
TWO GODS!



ONE DEMI.  
ONE SECONDHAND.  
MY TURN, THEN?







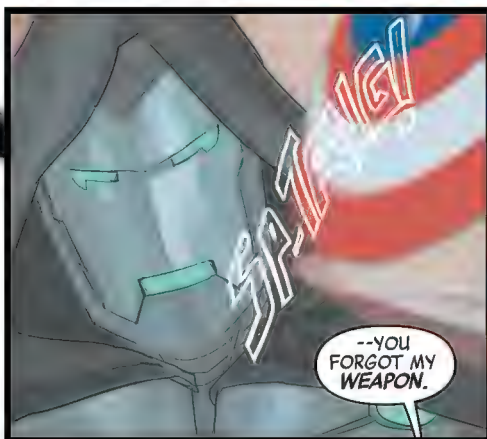
YOU ARE FORTUNATE THAT YOU DID NOT MEET ME IN MY YOUTH. I HAVE ONLY RECENTLY BEEN CONVINCED THAT KILLING MY ENEMIES IS A FRUITLESS ENDEAVOR.



I DISAGREE.

I'M ABOUT TO KILL YOU.

YOU'RE SO FOCUSED ON ME--



--YOU FORGOT MY WEAPON.



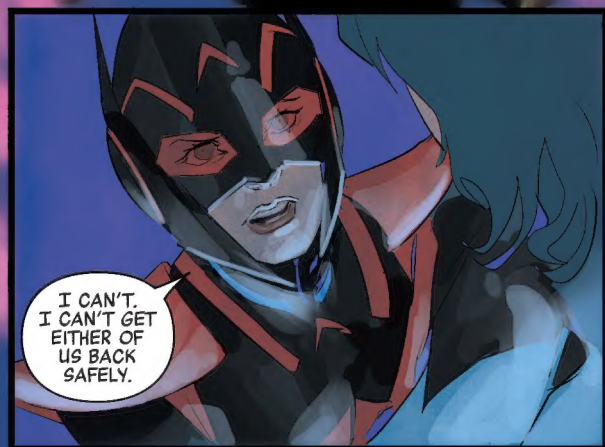
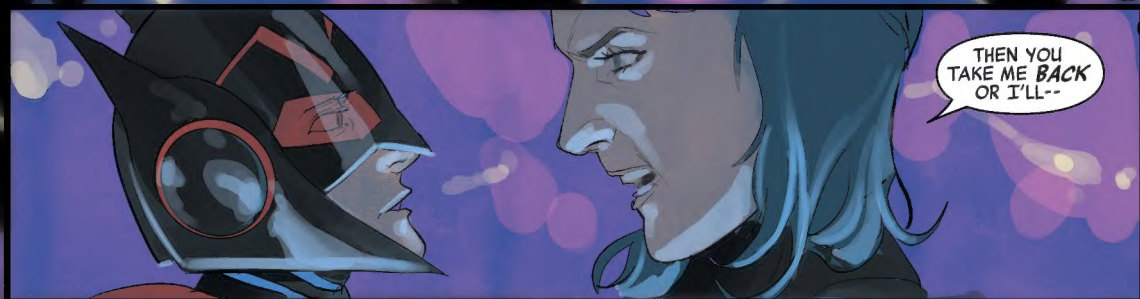
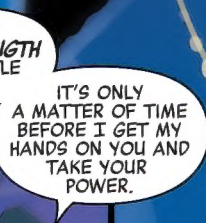
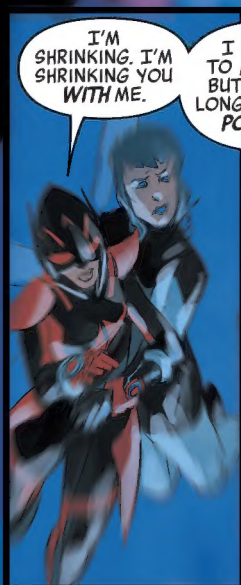
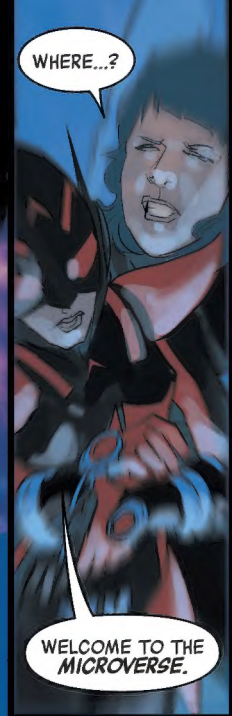
EXPOSED SKIN. ALL THE BETTER TO DRAIN YOU WITH.



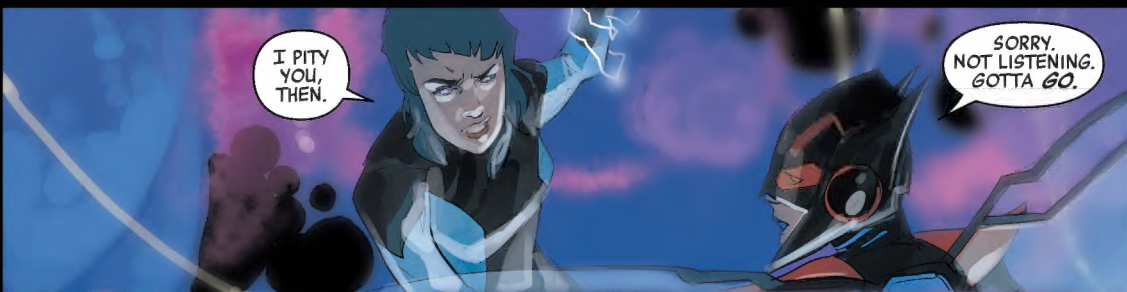
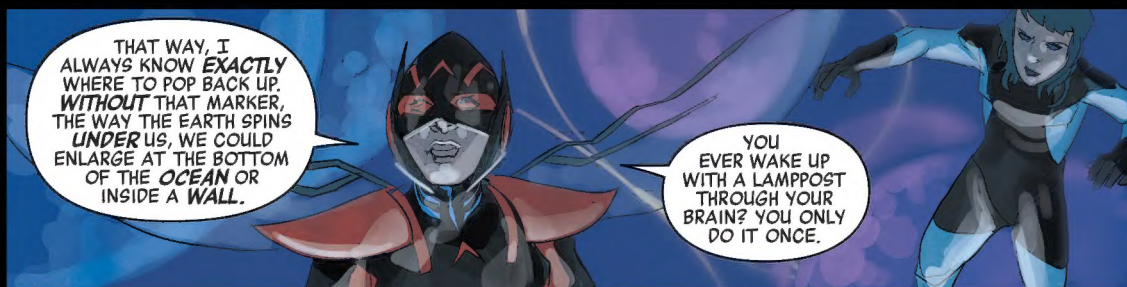
LEAVE HIM ALONE!



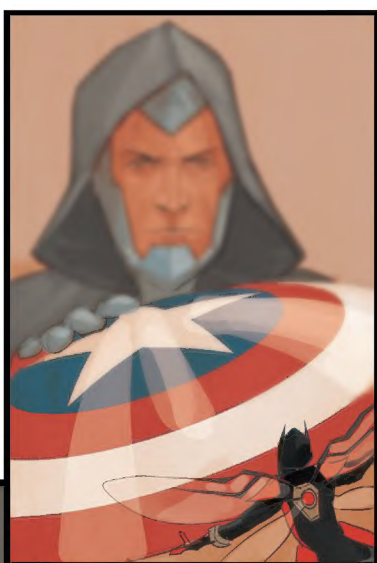












WHOA.

THANK  
YOU. I--

YOU KNEW  
I WAS INTIMATELY  
FAMILIAR WITH THE  
WORKINGS OF THE  
MICROVERSE AND GAMBLER  
THAT I COULD PINPOINT  
YOUR LOCATION WITH  
THE *SHIELD*. YOU'RE  
QUITE LEARNED.

THE OTHER  
AVENGERS ARE  
RECOVERING. THEY  
SHOULD ALL BE  
RESTORED  
SOON.

WAIT/  
WHERE ARE  
YOU GOING?

YOUR  
EMERGENCY HAS  
ENDED. YOU NO  
LONGER REQUIRE  
ASSISTANCE.

YOU DON'T  
HAVE TO LEAVE,  
VICTOR. DID YOU  
WANT TO STAY FOR  
DINNER? TEA,  
MAYBE?

I HAVE  
WORK THAT  
NEEDS TO BE  
FINISHED.

SOME  
OTHER TIME,  
THEN?

SOME  
OTHER  
TIME.

**NEXT:  
SECRET EMPIRE!**



# NEXT



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